

Sunday 27th December 2020

Prayer and worship at home



Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Act of Penitence

We continue to give thanks for the birth of our
Saviour who brings healing and wholeness. So we
turn to Him now in penitence and faith.

Lord God and Father of us all,
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, our Saviour and brother,
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, Counsellor and friend,
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Words of Forgiveness

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Special Prayer for this week

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading *Galatians 4. 4-7*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent
his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in
order to redeem those who were under the law, so
that we might receive adoption as children. And
because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of
his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So
you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child
then also an heir, through God.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel | *Luke 2. 15-21*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Glory to you, O Lord

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which
the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with
haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying
in the manger. When they saw this, they made known
what had been told them about this child; and all who
heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.
But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them
in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and
praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had
been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time
to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the
name given by the angel before he was conceived in the
womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

*You may wish to offer prayer in your own words,
or be prompted by the words here*

Jesus Christ, born in a stable,
Be with the poor and homeless this Christmas time.

**As we pray, live and give;
shine your everlasting light.**

(silent prayer)

Jesus Christ, born of Mary,
Be with young mothers across the world this
Christmas time.

**As we pray, live and give;
shine your everlasting light.**

(silent prayer)

Jesus Christ, visited by Shepherds,
Be with all who have to work this Christmas, and
those who long to work.

**As we pray, live and give;
shine your everlasting light.**

(silent prayer)

Jesus Christ,
who became a refugee,
Be with those who fear for their lives, and those
who have left homes and families this Christmas.

**As we pray, live and give;
shine your everlasting light.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world,
we pray:

Our Father....

Or

Our Father in heaven....

The Grace

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen**

Readings for the coming week:

Monday - The Holy Innocents

Psalm 36

Matthew 2.13-18

Tuesday – St. John the Evangelist

Psalm 21

John 21.19b-end

Wednesday

Psalm 113

Luke 2.36-40

Thursday

Psalm 90

John 1.1-18

Friday – The Naming of Jesus

Psalm 103

Luke 2. 15-21

Eternal Lord God,

we give you thanks for bringing us through the
changes of time

to the beginning of another year.

Forgive us the wrong we have done in the year that
is past,

and help us to spend the rest of our days

to your honour and glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saturday

Psalm 46

Matthew 5.13-19

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate
us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.